

renditions of those drawings with the noted changes made therein are being filed concurrently with this application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, immediately below the title, please insert the following new paragraph:

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✓ -- This application is a divisional of U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/117,350, filed July 28, 1998, which corresponds to International Application No. PCT/JP97/00188, filed January 27, 1997. The entire disclosures of the above applications are hereby incorporated by reference. --

- ✓ Page 2, line 14, change "SiO<sub>2</sub>" to --SiO<sub>2</sub>--.
- ✓ Page 3, line 17, change "SiO<sub>2</sub>" to --SiO<sub>2</sub>--.
- ✓ Page 16, line 8, change "2 m long" to --20 m long--. - new matter
- ✓ Page 18, line 22, before "about 120°", insert --higher than--. new matter
- ✓ Page 38, line 11, change "5 mm" to --0.5 mm--. new matter
- ✓ Page 45, line 18, change "master" to --mass--.
- ✓ Page 46, line 19, change "SiO<sub>2</sub>" to --SiO<sub>2</sub>--.
- ✓ Page 47, line 7, change "SiO<sub>2</sub>" to --SiO<sub>2</sub>--.
- ✓ Page 50, line 10, change "H<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> with" to --H<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> with--.
- ✓ Page 57, line 23, change "SiO<sub>2</sub>" to --SiO<sub>2</sub>--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims, as pending in this divisional application, whether or not these claims are now further amended, are reproduced herein.

✓ Please cancel claims 5-8 and 11-14, without prejudice.